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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN GRATITUDE TO ALBROOK METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

1. LIC JULIO LESCARBOURA, CHIEF OF THE PLANNING DIVISION OF VENEZUELAN CIVIL DEFENSE, CALLED EMBASSY DISASTER RELIEF OFFICER TO EXPRESS THE GOV'S GRATITUDE FOR TIMELY METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MAJOR MERTZ AND SERGEANT MADRID OF THE ALBROOK AIR FORCE BASE RESCUE CENTER AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE. THE VENEZUELANS NEEDED INFORMATION ON EXACT WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE STATE OF TACHIRA AT THE ESTIMATED TIME OF THE CRASH OF A LIGHT VENEZUELAN AIRCRAFT. THEY CALLED ALBROOK DIRECT AND IT WAS ABLE PROMPTLY TO FURNISH THE NEEDED DATA ON CLOUD COVER FROM SATELLITE PHOTOS. USING THIS INFORMATION THE VENEZUELANS LOCATED THE WRECK OF THE CESSNA 402 B, REGISTRATION YV-T-AGA, AT APPROXIMATELY 08 DEGREES 12 MINUTES NORTH, 71 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, ABOUT EIGHT NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF LA GRITA, STATE OF TACHIRA, AT AN ALTITUDE OF 12,000 FEET AT A SITE NAMED PARAMO DE PORQUERAS. UNFORTUNATELY, BOTH PILOT AND PASSENGER WERE DEAD WHEN THE RESCUE TEAM REACHED THE CRASH SITE.

2. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE GOV IN THANKING SOUTHCOM FOR ITS RAPID RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.

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